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Panhandling penalties get OK from city

COUNCIL Without any discussion, city council has given the green light to an amendment that will attempt to end aggressive panhandling in Edmonton.

The amendment means panhandlers could face fines of \$250 if they threaten, attack or obstruct people.

The move also includes a campaign urging people to stop giving money to panhandlers. The campaign will also suggest alternatives for panhandlers to earn money, like selling newspapers.

The Edmonton Police Commission, which made the motion, urged council to make the change as police figures showed 181 incidents of aggressive panhandling last year. Eighty-one of those occurred in the downtown core.

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Halgonian singer Grant a little Feist-y

Snowboarding Defying gravity



Jesse Smith, top, and Lucas Everett catch big air at sunset yesterday in the Edmonton Ski Club terrain park.

Imported drug seized

Officials uncover 37 kg of 'khat' smuggled from Somalia

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It comes in unassuming green-leafed bundles, and though it resembles herbs found at local markets, five Edmontonians are facing drug-trafficking charges after a massive bust last week.

Acting on a tip leaked to authorities last week, investigations by Canada Border Services Agency and RCMP led to searches of three Edmonton homes on Monday that revealed nearly 37 kilograms of an imported narcotic known as "khat."

"This is a relatively new

phenomenon," said RCMP Cpl. Wayne Oakes, adding only a handful of similar busts have ever been executed in Edmonton.

The active narcotic in the leaves, cathinone, is classed as an amphetamine, or central-nervous system stimulant. It's commonly chewed, or added to tea and food, and absorbed into the bloodstream. Effects are similar to that of a euphoric cocaine rush, but subdued.

"Perhaps, because the user doesn't experience the degree of high like with the harder drugs, they might think it's a safer drug to be using," Oakes said.

"They might think that because it's a plant, how dangerous can it be?"

RCMP Cpl. Wayne Oakes

"They might think that because it's a plant, how dangerous can it be? I wouldn't ask anybody to be simply clad in a bathing suit and go running through a field of stinging nettles. It doesn't take much of a brush with that plant to know it hurts."

Though the plant drug is legal in its native Somalia and other parts of Africa, it was recently added as a third-level banned narcotic on the controlled substances list in Canada. It

does not grow in Canada, and must be imported.

"This is not Somalia," Oakes said, adding the law enforcement officials have become increasingly aware of the drug in the past few years. In 2008, there were 614 seizures across the province, nearly 10 times the number in 2007.

Though local treatment centres have seen minimal khat use in Edmonton, AADAC spokesman Korey Cherneski said it's not on its radar.

Premier selling Alberta in Texas

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Forging a partnership between Alberta and Texas could help both jurisdictions, in everything from digging out of an economic rut to tackling climate change, Premier Ed Stelmach said during two stops in Houston yesterday.

"There is no question that — working together — there is more that we can do to combat climate change," the premier said in his speaking notes to oil and gas sellers at the North American Prospect Expo.

The premier says both can work together in fighting climate change through carbon capturing and both can work to enhance nanotechnology.

"Add up Alberta's proven resource base, impressive track record as a stable energy supplier, fair royalty structure, and environmental commitment, and I believe you get an attractive, secure place for investment," said Stelmach, who also talked to a group of business leaders in the city.

Stelmach's brief tour to Texas is costing Alberta taxpayers roughly \$32,700 and Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann says it's a waste since it's a one-night trip.

Swann says the trip is "too excessive and it sends the wrong message to Albertans in tough economic times."

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Local



Dow Chemical lays off 5,000 workers

Dow Chemical is expected to lay off 5,000 workers worldwide in the next few weeks, some of whom will likely be workers at the Fort Saskatchewan chemical plant. The Fort Saskatchewan plant employs 550 people.

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Stabbing leaves man in hospital

ARREST One man was arrested and a 29-year-old man is recovering in hospital after allegedly being attacked by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend near Londonderry Mall on Tuesday evening.

Police believe around 8:30 p.m., a 26-year-old female met an ex-boyfriend outside the Londonderry Mall for a pre-arranged meeting.

The male allegedly assaulted the woman before leaving the area. The woman's current boyfriend came to the mall to escort her home and about an hour later the couple encountered the ex again, at which time police believe another altercation occurred and the man was stabbed.

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Judge dismisses defence's motion

HEARING An Edmonton judge handling a dangerous offender hearing for a man who violently beat up a caretaker has turned down a request yesterday from his lawyer that could have seen him freed from prison.

The lawyer for Leo Teskey made a surprising legal application arguing his client's 2008 conviction for aggravated assault should be stayed since his rights to a speedy trial and sentencing hearing were violated.

The judge ruled that any delays Teskey experienced since he was charged eight years ago was not a violation of his rights.

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Vandals hit animal shelter

Truck used to transport surgery-bound animals damaged

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Smashed-out windows, the calling card of vandals who targeted the Edmonton Humane Society the night before, were hurriedly patched with pieces of plastic yesterday on a truck used to transport surgery-bound animals.

An employee arrived at work around 7:30 a.m. yesterday to find that three truck windows had been smashed, and a shed had been vandalized.

"It puts a dark cloud over the Humane Society," said spokeswoman Shawna Randolph. "We just felt violated coming in this morning. Why do people do these things?"

The truck is used four days a week to transport sick or injured animals to a surgery facility, and is costing the donation-based agency a \$250 insurance deductible to replace.

Nothing was stolen from the forced-open shed, which stores bags of cat litter.

"It's horrible, being a not-for-profit agency, and



Edmonton Humane Society spokesperson Shawna Randolph looks at the damage caused to the animal transportation unit sometime Tuesday night by vandals. The vehicle's rear-door windows and driver-side windows were smashed while it was parked outside the Edmonton Humane Society.

"It's horrible, being a not-for-profit agency, and that people do donate money to the centre for care for the animals, and we're left having to spend time away from the animals to do this."

Shawna Randolph, Human Society

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mals to do this."

Shelter officials will be looking over security tapes to hopefully identify suspects, and are reaching

out to the public for tips that could lead to the arrest of whoever is responsible.

"It does look senseless, and we don't feel like we're targeted," Randolph said, adding other vehicles on the block had been damaged through the night.

To submit tips, call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Snow, ice on walk complaints soar

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton

WEATHER The city of Edmonton has been flooded with 5,617 snow- and ice-on-walk complaints to date, nearly 21 times the amount of pothole claims in 2008.

The influx of complaints is result of fluctuating temperatures, as well as rain causing sheets

of ice to form on city walkways.

"The No. 1 thing is slip and falls; we're trying to get that dealt with and make sure that we're limiting the number that are going on," said Mike Martin, snow enforcement supervisor.

So far this season, 300 tickets have been handed out by municipal enforcement officers.

A sales associate in the

seasonal department at the Rona Home Centre in Spruce Grove said that the store has run out of bags of ice-melting salt and wouldn't be getting any more in until Monday.

"We had an awful lot of inventory; we only ran out of the jugs a couple of days ago," he said. "With the freezing rains and that, we ran out prematurely."

The city received 262 pothole claims in 2008.



David Morrow scrapes the thick ice from the sidewalk yesterday morning.

Students celebrate relaxed suite rules

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton

HOUSING New legislation relaxing restrictions on secondary suites has given students a reason to celebrate.

The University of Alberta Student Union said in a news release that it believes the new legislation will expand the quantity of affordable, safe and properly maintained suites for students.

"This will definitely help cater to many of our students who are living in these suites," student union president Janelle Morin said. "We are pleased that city council has listened to the concerns of students. This is an encouraging step."

Dave Trautman, president of the Argyll Community League, believes more people should be living next to each other, and that more residents per building is a good idea.

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Video High school students given the chance to take groundbreaking course on genocide at metro

Blog Hollywood Rants reimagines Christian Bale's movie set tirade at metronews.ca

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Lotto 6/49: 15, 16, 22, 31, 43 & 44. Bonus 32. These results are not official.

Canada not ready to take in Gitmo prisoners: Immigration minister

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney yesterday denied a Globe and Mail report that Canada was close to accepting three Muslims from China's Uighur minority who are imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay. The men have been cleared of all charges, but remain in custody because no country is yet willing to take them in. **REUTERS**

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Canada/World



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks to journalists yesterday in the foyer of the House of Commons. Flaherty assured Canadians there will be no "fire sale" of public property.

No fire sale planned: Flaherty

ECONOMY Canada will not sell off government assets at "fire sale" prices to raise funds, even as the country prepares to run deficits for the first time in more than a decade, the Finance minister said yesterday.

"There will be no fire sales. You can be assured of that. There may be some sales. There may not," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

told reporters.

In its budget last month, the government said it was reviewing its assets to

see if they are still needed or could be sold, and previous to that Flaherty had mentioned Toronto's landmark CN Tower as a possibility.

In the first year, the budget said, the asset review will focus on the departments of Finance, Indian and Northern Affairs, Natural Resources and Transport and Infrastructure. **REUTERS**

Vets sue CFIA over food-safety rules

LAWUIT Poultry destined for dinner tables will pose a greater public health risk under new inspection protocols that allow slaughterhouses to inspect themselves, says a legal action filed by federal veterinarians against the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Under proposed changes to the country's inspection

system, slaughterhouse workers will be responsible for monitoring duties now carried out by veterinarians.

A notice of application filed in Federal Court against the CFIA says it is "contrary to the public interest" to replace qualified veterinarians with unqualified people who are "not subject to public scrutiny."

"(The poultry) could have all kinds of things that a slaughterhouse operator doesn't have the expertise to make a judgment on," said Michèle Demers, president of the veterinarian union.

Neither CFIA officials nor federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz would comment.

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News in brief

TASER Sussex, N.B., RCMP used a Taser to subdue a New Brunswick woman who was allegedly wielding a knife while

chasing her husband into a barber shop, CBC News Online reports. Stephanie Doucette, 30, appeared in court yesterday and

faces several charges, including assault with a weapon and uttering death threats.

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'Buy U.S.' plan revised

The U.S. Senate voted yesterday to soften a "Buy American" plan in its \$819 billion US stimulus bill after President Barack Obama expressed concern the original language could trigger a trade war.

Senators approved an amendment requiring that provisions that upset Canada, the European Union

and other trade partners be "applied in a manner consistent with U.S. obligations under international agreements."

The bill had required that projects funded by the stimulus package use only U.S.-made iron, steel and manufactured goods — potentially putting the U.S. in violation of its commit-

ments under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"I think it would be a mistake ... at a time when worldwide trade is declining, for us to start sending a message that somehow we're just looking after ourselves and not concerned with world trade," Obama said. **REUTERS**

At least 52 killed in north Sri Lanka

ATTACKS At least 52 civilians were killed by shelling in Sri Lanka's northern war zone yesterday, while a hospital was hit again and Britain and the U.S. urged a ceasefire.

A UN spokesman said 52 were killed and 80 wounded. The Red Cross said the the only hospital in the war zone was evacuated after it was hit for a fifth time in three days.

Sri Lanka's military has encircled the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and says it will soon win the conflict, in which 70,000 people have been killed since 1983. **REUTERS**

India Slums offscreen



Slum children, some of whom played minor roles in the Oscar-nominated film Slumdog Millionaire, pose yesterday at Nehru Nagar slums in Mumbai, where part of the film was shot. The movie's success has recently been overshadowed by protest in India over its name and portrayal of the lives of poor Indians.

Obama unveils executive pay caps for bailout corporations

ECONOMY U.S. President Barack Obama imposed new rules yesterday to rein in corporate pay, capping executive pay at \$500,000 US a year for companies receiving taxpayer funds and limiting severance fees paid to top officials.

"In order to restore our financial system, we've got to restore trust. And in or-

der to restore trust, we've got to make certain that taxpayer funds are not subsidizing excessive compensation packages on Wall Street," said Obama.

The rules, which are not retroactive, would require companies that get exceptional government funds in the future to abide by the cap. **REUTERS**

News in brief

UNITED NATIONS Russia must do more to stop violence against minorities, torture by the police and army, murders of journalists and, recently, the killing of a human rights lawyer, delegates to the United Nations Human Rights Council said yesterday during a review process. Other issues raised include political abductions, Internet child pornography and limits on independent civil society bodies. **REUTERS**

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If you were wondering about the decline of our politics — or, more precisely, why so few Canadians voted in the last general election — consider the story of Bill Casey, the long-serving, independent-minded member of Parliament from Nova Scotia.

Mr. Casey was elected from the riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley in 1988. He lost his seat in 1993 but was returned in 1997. Until 2007, he was a Conservative, and, by all accounts, loyal, principled and conscientious.

He was drummed out of the party when he voted against the government's budget because he said it vi-

olated the Atlantic Accord. In the last election, the Conservatives chose another candidate and Mr. Casey ran as an Independent.

Fair enough. Parties drop members who refuse to vote the party line (though, notably, Michael Ignatieff permitted a clutch of his fellow Liberals from Newfoundland to cast a symbolic vote against the federal budget this week). Stephen Harper thought Mr. Casey disloyal, and expelled him from the caucus. Leaders do that.

So Mr. Casey ran on his own. During the campaign, the local branch of the RCMP received a complaint that he had "embezzled" funds. He had not; the \$30,000 in question, transferred to an account established for his campaign, had been returned to the party.

Curiously, the complaint came from the Conservatives, specifically, says Canwest News Service, from Diana Read-Miedema. She



Independent MP Bill Casey alleges he is a victim of a smear campaign by the federal Conservative party.

was the official agent of Joel Bernard, the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Casey says it was "an attempt to smear my reputation and my character." That's why he rose in the House of Commons the other day to clear his name.

He is so angry that he promises to run again (he was re-elected with 68 per cent of the vote last year) although he had planned to retire. He thinks vindictive

Conservatives at a higher level were trying to discredit him.

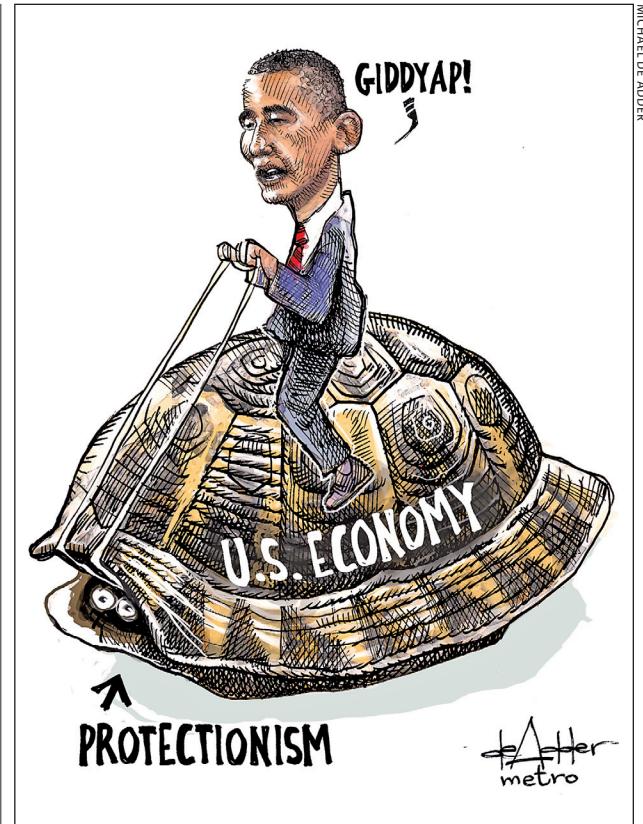
They say they weren't. The national party never had any questions involving Mr. Casey's transactions, says spokesman Ryan Sparrow.

Incidentally, would that be the same Ryan Sparrow who was "suspended" by the Conservatives during the campaign for saying the father of a dead soldier who had criticized Mr. Harper on Afghanistan was a Liberal?

And would that not be the same campaign in which the Conservatives gleefully vilified Stéphane Dion — a decent man — in cartoons, mocked his English and ridiculed his proposed carbon tax?

See a pattern here? This is politics of fear and smear. No wonder Canadians aren't voting any more.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

No absolute answers

Atheists are allowed to express their religious views too. Agnostics, too.

If God is the highest most knowing being in the universe, and one knows there is no God, one may then be the most knowing being and is in fact God. I would say,

there is a God, don't worry — he's got the whole world in his hands ... or our atheists do.

As a conservative Calvinist Christian, I understand there are no easy answers, and a qualified absolute statement on God is hardly a basis for living by happenstance.

JOHN VAN EGMOND, MISSISSAUGA

Worth mentioning

First lady fashion's saviour?

With a penchant for off-the-rack American brands like Gap and J. Crew, Michelle Obama could be a shot in the arm to a U.S. apparel industry desperate for excitement — and sales.

Fashion choices made by America's new first lady, who likes a mix of designer pieces and more affordable brands, can translate directly into dollars for apparel retailers facing a slump in demand as Americans cut back on clothing purchases.

"This is a living, breathing example of a first lady having a massive influence," said Mandi Norwood, a former Mademoiselle

editor writing a book on Obama's style.

Industry watchers say Obama, 45, a former lawyer and mother of two girls, speaks to today's shopper who is practical, frugal and pressed for time — but still wants to look good. Apparel stores catering to women over 40 have felt the worst of the inertia pervading the industry.

Chains have struggled to provide that audience with looks that are sophisticated, feminine yet a bit playful, have now been handed a marketing tool, experts said. **REUTERS**



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Views

Atheist ads promote debate, understanding



Robert C.
Fennell

Recently, it was announced that some atheists and the Freethought Foundation of Canada are planning to buy advertising space on Canadian transit systems in order to broadcast the message that "There's probably no God." Several cities' transit systems, such as Halifax and Victoria, have already rejected the campaign.

Should this campaign be allowed? I can't see how they can be denied the right to advertise. Such beliefs are clearly already part of the cultural landscape in which we live — a landscape in which free speech and freedom of religion are highly prized. So long as these ads do not incite hatred, no en-

during harm will result. Of course, just as people have the freedom to run these ads, anyone reading them has the freedom to disagree completely.

Christian objections to these transit ads, or the objections of any other religious tradition, run the risk of painting themselves into a corner. If I enjoy the freedom to celebrate publicly the existence of God — which I do — then non-religious beliefs should be permitted in the public arena as well. If I forbid others to share their faith, or lack of it, I must be prepared to have the public expression of my faith forbidden. Such silencing on either side does nothing to advance understanding, compassion and reconciliation.

It was, in fact, Christian messages about Jesus on buses in England that first

"Silencing on either side does nothing to advance understanding."

prompted this campaign. In London and elsewhere, atheist-inspired bus advertising suggested "There's probably no God." Ironically, the credibility and durability of Christian faith — or any faith — are actually strengthened when such "atheist ads" invite public response. All religious belief is more convincing when we are willing to enter into debate and dialogue, rather than running away or shutting it down. This is certainly a moment in history when we need plenty of dialogue to find deeper mutual understanding and respect. By knowing and trusting one another, let's hope we

can more effectively tackle the real crises of hunger, disease, war and poverty.

If atheist advertising appears in Canada, Christians and other religious groups need not overreact. People of faith have nothing to fear. The faith that Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and others have does not depend on everyone agreeing with them. After all, Canada has matured in the last decade. We have welcomed back into public life and conversation many dimensions of faith and spirituality. Our many faith (and non-faith) traditions reveal exciting searches for meaning, transcendence and ethical living. They are all part of what makes Canadian culture interesting, vibrant, creative — and free.

Robert C. Fennell is a professor of Christian theology and history in Halifax.

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OPEC may cut output again

OPEC members could discuss a cut of around one million barrels per day at their March 15 meeting in Vienna, sources inside the organization say. It would be the fourth reduction since September, to total 5.2 million barrels per day in cuts. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Barbie **Hitting her golden years**



A young woman poses with a Barbie doll during the media preview of the 60th International Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany, yesterday. The world's most popular doll is turning 50 this year. More than 2,700 international exhibitors will present their new toys from today to Feb. 10.

Google app knows where you are

ONLINE Internet search company Google Inc. released software yesterday that allows users of mobile phones and other wireless devices to automatically share their whereabouts with family and friends.

Users in 27 countries will be able to broadcast their location to others constantly, using Google Latitude. Controls allow users to select who receives the information or to go offline at any time, Google said on its website.

To protect the sensitivity of location data, which can be tracked on a Google map from a handset or computer, Google said in a blog post it allows users to "not only control exactly who gets to see your location, but you also decide the location that they see."

REUTERS

Using Latitude

What it works on

- Research in Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry
- Devices running on Symbian S60
- Microsoft's Windows Mobile devices
- Some T-1 Mobile phones running on Google's Android software
- Coming soon on Apple's iPhone and iPod and Sony Ericsson devices

RIM to settle backdated stock-option scandal

LEGAL Shares of BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion rose yesterday, ahead of a regulatory hearing that could see a settlement with the company's co-CEOs Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis over their role in a controversy over the backdating of stock options.

The hearing between RIM, the CEOs and the Ontario Securities Commission to approve a deal is slated for today.

RIM shares rose 1.6 per cent to \$69.36 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Analysts view RIM's in-

Tough penalties

- The fines to be levied against RIM's co-CEOs is not known, but the Globe and Mail reported the Ontario Securities Commission had been seeking a penalty as high as \$100 million.

ternal review of options grants, and a subsequent \$250-million earnings restatement related to errors in how options were granted, as disruptive but ultimately immaterial.

REUTERS

WestJet heads abroad with Air France deal

AIRLINE WestJet Airlines Ltd. is poised to extend its reach overseas after signing a pact with Air France-KLM that would give passengers access to international destinations and drive more traffic onto WestJet's network.

The code-share agreement, which allows WestJet to sell tickets for other airlines' flights as its own, is set to be ready for early 2010. The deal would also allow Air France-KLM passengers to reach smaller Canadian destinations pre-

January job losses pegged at 40,000

The carnage in Canada's labour market persisted in January as the recession forced layoffs across a wide array of industries, analysts say, predicting the worst multi-month string of job losses since the early 1990s.

Employers are expected to have cut 40,000 jobs in January in the third-straight month of employment decline, according to the median forecast of analysts surveyed by Reuters.

They predicted the unemployment rate would jump to 6.8 per cent from 6.6 per cent in December, its highest level since June 2005.

Fewer hirings

- Businesses surveyed by the Bank of Canada in the fourth quarter said they thought hiring would decrease over the next 12 months.

If the forecasts are right, the economy will have shed 124,000 jobs from November to January — a magnitude of back-to-back job losses not seen since late 1991 and early 1992, according to Statistics Canada data.

Jobs were relatively safe

in Canada through most of 2008, when the net gain in employment was about 80,000, much rosier than in the United States, where employers slashed 2.6 million jobs.

But more recent anecdotal evidence shows the slowdown is setting in: Stories of companies idling plants and cutting staff have since become daily fare in Canada, compounded by plunging confidence levels due to bad news coming from the U.S.

And the weakness now extends beyond manufacturing and forestry sectors to services as well. **REUTERS**

Merchants caught in downturn

RETAIL Citing worsening business conditions, the head of Canada's largest department store chain says cutting 1,000 jobs might not be enough to remain competitive.

The Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) announced yesterday it is slashing five per cent of its full-time workforce, mainly head office jobs in accounting, information technology, supply chain and logistics.

The move, which will save \$150 million, will not affect customer service at

"As the economy changes, we will then be forced to react to what the economy does."

Jeffrey Sherman

its 500-plus Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters and Fields outlets, the company said.

"As the economy changes, we will then be forced to react to what the economy does," Jeffrey Sherman, chief executive offi-

cer of HBC, said in a telephone interview, warning the move might not be the end of cost-cutting.

In the United States, Costco Wholesale Corp. issued a profit warning yesterday saying it would "substantially" miss expectations due to poor sales and margins.

Macy's Inc. said it would cut 7,000 jobs, cut spending, reduce its contributions to its employees' retirement funds and slash its dividend to preserve cash. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Business in brief

JOB CUTS Time Warner Cable Inc. said it will cut 1,250 jobs, nearly three per cent of its workforce, to reduce costs. It also predicted higher-than-expected profits for 2009.

EARNINGS Panasonic Corp., the world's No. 1 plasma-TV maker, warned it would post an annual loss of \$4.2 billion US and said it would cut about 15,000 jobs. **REUTERS**

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Sports in brief

SOCCER David Beckham said for the first time yesterday that he would like to quit the L.A. Galaxy of the MLS and make a permanent move to AC Milan. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder added that he might want to end his career at Milan and that playing for them would enhance his chances of another World Cup with England in South Africa next year. "I have expressed my desire now to stay in Milan and hopefully the clubs can come to some agreement," Beckham, who is on loan with the Italian giants, told reporters.



Beckham

REUTERS

NHL The head of the NHL Players' Association said yesterday that it may be time to consider a rule mandating helmet use during fights. While a majority of NHL players want fighting to remain a part of hockey, Paul Kelly feels his constituency is open to restrictions on how the gloves are dropped. Acknowledging the role fighting has in policing the game, Kelly added that so-called "staged fights" between two players with skills limited to chucking knuckles may no longer have a place in the game.

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Kobe Bryant passes over Joey Graham and Chris Bosh last night in Toronto.

Bosh hurt as Raps beaten by Lakers

Kobe Bryant finished with 36 points and had a crucial basket and rebound in the final minute to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 115-107 win over the Toronto Raptors last night.

Joey Graham scored a career-high 24 points for the Raptors, while Jermaine O'Neal nearly ended up with a triple-double, posting 22 points, nine rebounds and a season-high nine blocks.

Andrea Bargnani had 21 points and nine boards for Toronto, which not only

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dropped its fourth consecutive game, but lost forward Chris Bosh to a sprained right knee in the fourth quarter.

He had 12 points through nearly 29 minutes of action, but did not return after leaving the game. He

LeBron scores 52

Two nights after Kobe Bryant scored 61 points at Madison Square Garden, LeBron James dropped 52 last night in a 107-102 Cavs win over the Knicks.

went to a local hospital following the game for precautionary X-rays.

Toronto was already playing without guard Jose Calderon, who sat with a sore hamstring.

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Evidence against Bonds unsealed

A U.S. federal judge yesterday unsealed hundreds of pages of court documents at the heart of the criminal case against Barry Bonds, including positive drug tests that prosecutors linked to the home run king. They include a transcript of conversations regarding injecting the slugger, and a list of players like Jason Giambi, who are scheduled to testify for the U.S. government at Bonds' upcoming trial.

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Deadline day is coming

The NHL trade deadline is fast approaching and, as I noted in my last Oilers file, GM Steve Tambellini and president Kevin Lowe almost assuredly have to be buyers if Edmonton has any shot at claiming one of the lower playoff seeds in the Western Conference.

As just about any GM will tell you, trades of the significant variety are harder to complete in the salary cap world than they ever were prior to the lockout. But that doesn't mean there aren't players out there who can help the Oilers.

Here are six guys who could — and I stress, could — be available and able in that regard:

Ryan Smyth, Avalanche

The anti-Penner who once represented the Oilers as well as anyone, is far from the top of Avalanche GM Francois Giguere's to-trade list. But with the Avs treading water this season, it might be the perfect time to repatriate Smyth to Northern Alberta in exchange for a package including a prospect like, say, Rob Schremp. The further Colorado falls from playoff contention, the closer this scenario comes to reality.

Jay Bouwmeester, Panthers

Like Smyth and the Avs, Bouwmeester and the Panthers likely will stay together if the team is on track to make the post-season. Defence isn't the Oilers' most pressing need, but Tambellini

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ni and Lowe would be fools not to sell the 25-year-old blue-liner on the rewards of playing in his hometown.

Bill Guerin/Doug Weight, Islanders

Speaking of bringing back former Oilers; both veteran forwards are having decent seasons on Long Island and would take the heat off of some of Edmonton's struggling youngsters. I would've included Mike Comrie in this group, but I think neither he nor Edmontonians would welcome his return at this point.

Alexander Frolov, Kings

Frolov is a proven scorer L.A. GM Dean Lombardi will have a difficult time re-signing when he becomes an unrestricted free agent this summer. Depending on Lombardi's demands, the Russian could be a low-risk/high reward acquisition for Edmonton.

Nik Antropov, Maple Leafs

Wait a second ... he plays for Toronto ... and Toronto's GM ... is Brian Burke. Nevermind.

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Tax credits

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Flooring: It's all in the grout

HomeScape

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Thinking wood?

Some say wood with polyurethane is great for kitchens because it is easier on the back than standing on hard tile. But water damage poses a problem for wood

that is not sealed well, so you must make sure your wooden flooring is well sealed, preferably on site so both the wood and the hairline spaces between the boards are sealed.



Picking your kitchen flooring can be a tough decision as there are many options outside the design to choose from such as whether to go with concrete, stone, ceramic, vinyl or wood.

If you love to cook, entertain a lot or have children, your kitchen floor will be well-used and abused. And the wrong type of flooring will cause you headaches, believe me.

I don't know what I was thinking when I purchased light-coloured tiles with ivory grout for my kitchen. Perhaps I had imagined that a tiled kitchen was my ticket to a maintenance-free kitchen floor. Or maybe that the whole kitchen could be self-cleaning, like those European public toilet booths that close up

tight and self-scrub after every usage. But no, this was unfortunately not the case.

My excuse is that I was seduced by gorgeous pictures in a magazine. The reality is that I now fully appreciate that a light tile shows dirt much more readily than a dark one. Furthermore, I unwisely did not go along with my mother's advice that I should buy a tile with a splotchy pattern, so dirt would not be so obvious. I went with a subtle linear pattern that showcases dirt as if it were on Broadway. What was I thinking?

Making a decision about kitchen flooring is not easy. But if your kitchen is an active area, you need to think carefully about cleaning requirements and whether you are content with more or much happier with less. There are many choices in kitchen flooring and all require some maintenance, but the bottom line is that some are much more fussy than others.

First of all, don't choose white tile or grout, unless you enjoy cleaning your floors after every meal. Also be wary of lighter colours or subtle patterns that show

every spill or drip.

And know that some materials cause more stress than others. For example, natural stone, such as marble, limestone or granite is beautiful, but these stones are porous, so spilling balsamic vinegar or barbecue sauce may pose a stain hazard if the stone is not sealed regularly or the spill is not immediately wiped off.

Concrete is durable and very flexible as it can be made to look like slate, tile, brick or cobblestone. It can be stamped, stenciled and etched with acid, or it can be left smooth. But it too

must be sealed regularly because untreated or infrequently treated concrete soaks up spills and stains.

That leaves us with porcelain, ceramic or vinyl, the traditional choices for a kitchen. But each of these has its ups and downs. The seams between vinyl peel and stick tiles collect dirt fast, plus edges will eventually chip and peel back. Rolled vinyl is a better choice, but remember that vinyl is easily damaged.

Ceramic tiles and porcelain are much tougher, and they stand up to water without the necessity of sealing

in most cases. Sounds like the best choice for minimizing work, but the dirty grout problem is a headache. It helps to seal the grout when it is new or freshly cleaned. Thin lines of grout also help make dirty grout less obvious, as does a darker grout colour. Remember that you'll probably be scrubbing at the grout at some point, but you'll undoubtedly want to make sure it's required less often rather than more.

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Q My maid of honour is obviously a really good friend of mine but I don't know how to bring this up with her. She is quite tall (just under 6 feet) and love to wear high heels. I'm only 5'6" and even with my heels (2") I'll still be shorter than her. How do I ask her to wear flats or very small heels; do I even have the right to ask her this?

A You definitely have the right to feel this way as it is your wedding day. Have your photographer or wedding planner broach this subject. They are professionals and deal with this type of thing all the time. They can explain to her why it is better for her not to wear heels and there won't be any ruffled feathers.

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Budding selection

Vases are so much more than mere flower vessels

With the chilly currents of February stirring, you may find yourself indoors more than you would like. But not to worry — beautiful, unique vases in every shape, size and colour to complement your home, make staying in (and perhaps even inviting others to join you) more fashionable.

Functional when home to reeds or calla lilies, for instance, a simple vase can look deliciously sophisticated or just as gorgeous standing alone. They also come in handy for the thoughtful stems your sweetie just couldn't resist sending for Valentine's Day. Photographer Wil An-

druschak turns his lens to the growing selection of vases available from local retailers to suit most tastes — from modern to traditional, ornate to unusual.

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Red-tipped vase. Available at Eisenbergs' Fine Furniture.



Picasso bottle vases, made of chiselled ceramic and glazed with a platinum finish. Available at Peridot.



Black lattice gelosia ball. Available at Eisenbergs' Fine Furniture.



Tall metal stencilled cut-out vase. Available at Serendipity.



Left: Teal Aero flat long neck vase. Available at Serendipity.



Dolomite black and white ceramic vase. Available at Peridot.



Bramble curved flat pottery vase. Available at Serendipity.



Red, black and white hand-painted flat vase. Available at Serendipity.



Amber sphere gold ball. Available at Eisenbergs' Fine Furniture.



Silhouette metal bowl vase with medallion. Available at Peridot.



Hand-blown striped vases. Available at Peridot.

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Food

"To roast garlic with the vegetables, separate cloves (as many as you like) but do not peel. Toss with vegetables to roast."

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Compost

When done, squeeze garlic out of skins, discarding skins in the compost.

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try this out



Try adding some vanilla to hot chocolate.

Vanilla sets mood for Valentine's

AROMA Research demonstrates the area of the brain that affects emotions is directly connected to the sense of smell. Studies have also shown the scent of vanilla has a calming effect and helps reduce stress and anxiety — perfect to set the mood this Valentine's Day.

These tips come from Nielsen-Massey Vanillas, purveyors of pure vanillas and fine flavours:

- A few drops of pure vanilla extract on a hot light bulb will help scent the room
 - A drop or two behind the ears as the perfect perfume
 - A cotton ball soaked in vanilla helps deodorize the refrigerator or freezer
 - A vanilla bean under a chair or sofa cushion will give a pleasant, fresh aroma
 - A few drops of vanilla in a can of paint will help eliminate odors
- Or consider the following dessert ideas to top off a vanilla-inspired romantic evening:**
- Add a quarter teaspoon of vanilla to hot chocolate for a warm treat
 - Sprinkle vanilla powder on brownies or chocolate cake.

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You can roast potatoes, carrots, parsnips, brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, rutabaga, fennel, beets, celeriac and onions.

Vegetables that can boast the best roast

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Roasting vegetables brings out their natural sweetness, maintains their bright colour and adds flavour you just don't get when you boil or steam them.

Use a large, shallow, preferably dark coloured roasting pan. Spread vegetables in a single layer, as overcrowding will steam rather than roast vegetables. If making a large amount, use two pans and rotate the pans partway through cooking. Stir occasionally.

The oven temperature

can vary with whatever you might be cooking at the same time (a roast), from 325°F to 400°F (160°C to 200°C), just adjust cooking time accordingly. Many vegetables can be roasted at the same time, however denser vegetables will take longer than softer vegetables and the size of the pieces will also affect cooking time. Don't cut vegetables too small or they might burn.

Roasted Root Vegetables

Vary the vegetables and amounts to your preferences. I like to give the potatoes a bit of a head start in the oven rather than parboiling them. Makes about 6 to 8 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 – 2 tbsp (15 to 30 ml) olive oil

- 2 to 3 medium all-purpose or Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, halved
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) crushed dried rosemary leaves
- Pinch each coarse salt and pepper
- 2 to 3 carrots
- 2 to 3 parsnips
- 1 small butternut squash

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 325°F to 375°F (160°C to 190°C). Peel potatoes and cut into wedges or chunks. Toss potatoes with 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil, garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Place in a large, shallow heavy roasting pan. Roast 10 minutes.

Peel and cut remaining vegetables in 2-inch (5 cm) chunks. Toss carrots,

parsnips and squash with remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and add to pan after potatoes have been cooking 10 minutes. Stir and roast until vegetables are tender and nicely browned, 45 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Other Vegetables: For something a little different, try roasting cauliflower. Cut cauliflower into florets, toss with olive oil and seasonings (as above) and roast until lightly browned and tender. Other winter vegetables that roast well are Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, rutabaga, fennel, beets, celeriac and onions.

Serve roasted vegetables as a side dish, or toss with cooked pasta.

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Pizza picks

If you've ever been to Italy you know the way we treat pizza in Canada is a crime. Over there the combination of dough, tomatoes, mozzarella and toppings is an art form. Here, with some notable exceptions, our attempt at a good pie is a bore that takes an hour to deliver.

It drives me crazy because I love pizza (especially my wife's homemade creations) and there is nothing I enjoy more than a few slices washed down with a glass or two of vino. The best pick is a red with low acidity because the tomato sauce will bring more than enough to the party.

The **2007 Trapiche Malbec** (\$8.65 - \$10.90) from Argentina is a nice alternative especially if you are looking to drink on the cheap. Though enjoyable now, its blueberry fruit and youthful tannins could still use some time in the bottle to mellow.

I'm partial to Spanish Rioja with my pie and the soft, wild cherry fruit with a touch of wood spice that is the **2006 Campo Viejo Crianza** (\$14.45 - \$17.50) will have you reaching for another piece.

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Style



Glam up your mane

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A study in contrasts

Sister behind Rodarte brand takes a break from NY fashion week preparations to dish on her works and inspirations

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News



In three short years, Kate and Laura Mulleavy have gone from scrapping together enough money and resources to produce a collection of dresses to being the designers who the fashion world's coolest members love to namedrop.

Sonia Rykiel lists the sister act as young talents she admires, Karl Lagerfeld has purchased their clothes, and top magazine editors including Carine Roitfeld and Anna Wintour line up for their runway shows. You can't get a more ringing validation than that. But perhaps the most amazing aspect of their story is the paradoxical.

They create insanely beautiful, fantastical dresses — from their hometown, Pasadena, where they still live with the 'rents. "I'm lucky that I live with my parents. Many people have to cut back in this economy. But we've scaled back as far as we can go already," Mulleavy says.

And they actually prefer to wear trousers. "I hope we can get away from the expectation that a woman designer has to design for herself," she adds.

Mulleavy takes a break from her New York Fashion Week preparations to talk:

Q What are your earliest memories of fashion?

A I think I have a few. One is that my grandmother was an opera singer. I remember being in the house and seeing these costumes. The colours were amazing. And Kate would draw these elaborate costumes. It seemed foreign to me but it was so beautiful I was drawn to it. And the other is sitting down and watching old Cary Grant Catherine Deneuve movies with my mother.

Q Your work usually has an element of fantasy to it. Where does that come from?

A Well Kate and I were partners in crime when we were little; we were living in a fantasy world. We grew up in a magical setting in northern California surrounded by mustard fields, apple orchards and horse ranches. Everywhere you looked, you could have an imaginary world. We loved The Secret Garden and dressing up.

Q Your cultural references are always so rarefied, do you have any junk pop culture guilty pleasures?

A Everything! I love that show Top Chef, although it's not exactly a guilty pleasure since it's such a good show. And last season, our collection was about Star Wars too, which could be a guilty pleasure for a lot of people.

Q You are a favourite of fashion's major players, yet you don't seem "of" fashion. How did you manage that?

A I think it all came about by circumstance, we always wanted to be designers but we chose a different path. We went to UC Berkley. We didn't study design. We thought do you want to go to graduate school or move back home? The most logical thing was to move home and try to make it work. And we didn't see the need to move. The distance comes from that.

Q What is the inspiration for your upcoming fall collection?

A We have this superstition where we don't like to talk about what we're doing too much before it shows. That way we can be secluded with our ideas and thoughts. But I can tell you that last season was about

the idea of a world of remnants — what would be left behind if you told a story about the future.

Q Are there any real life women who you find particularly inspiring?

A I've always loved women like Yoko Ono and Patti Smith and Kim Gordon or Eva Hesse, who defined the last 50 years of art. I love women that have a strong opinion or voice.

"My studying English gave me tools to analyze things. The way I approach designing is the way I would approach writing a story."

Laura Mulleavy, designer



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These flats were made for walking

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News



SHOE TREND Crimson-soled Christian Louboutin heels are sexy and fun. But after about five blocks, the story changes (they are door-to-door shoes, after all). As we watch our transportation budgets shrink, comfy flats have never looked more appealing.



Marc by Marc Jacobs ballet flats, \$295, netaporter.com.



Tashkent by Cheyenne boot, tashkentnyc.com

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An ensemble from the Rodarte spring/summer 2009 collection. Sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy, the designers who started the label, are known for their fantastical dresses.

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Song dispute
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Jenn Grant finds her voice

The Derek Trucks Band

Album: Already Free
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ●●●●●

AS GUITARIST FOR THE Allman Brothers Band, Derek Trucks is the true successor to slide legend Duane Allman. Trucks is unquestionably one of the great electric blues-rock guitarists in the business today and the solos here are the sort that set the hairs on the back of your neck on end. On this disc, Trucks takes his solo band in a southern R&B direction more in keeping with the old Electric Flag than the Allmans.

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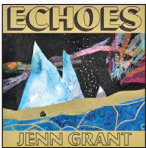
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Jenn Grant

Album: Echoes
Label: Six Shooter/Warner
Rating: ●●●●●

WHEN HALI-FAX-BASED chanteuse Jenn Grant released her critically acclaimed debut in 2007, much of Canada's music establishment thought they discovered another Feist. But while Orchestra for the Moon featured plenty of Leslie-like moments, her follow-up is definitely Grant all the way. Echoes is filled with quiet



Jenn Grant's new album Echoes was released this week.

folk, soft, soothing vocals and even a memorable Neil Young cover (Only Love Can Break Your Heart). Although her tunes aren't as

well executed as Feist's, she's definitely got something that could, one day, put her in the same league.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Fray

Album: The Fray
Label: Epic/Sony Music
Rating: ●●●

IN AN IDEAL world, talent would equate with record sales, but we all know that reality is just a pipe dream. The Fray are one platinum selling act that prove bland, uninspiring tunes are all you need to sell records. On the band's third effort they produce watered down Coldplay-like piano ballads and thoughtless über-mainstream rock; perfect for Grey's Anatomy episode, but not so great for anyone who actually likes listening to music.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Dierks Bentley

Album: Feel The Fire
Label: EMI
Rating: ●●●●

DIERKS BENTLEY continues to work a successful formula — a blend of hard-drinking outlaw country rock for the crackers (Life On The Run), bedroom ballads for the womenfolk (I Wanna Make You Close Your Eyes) and some bluegrass banjo. The guitar jams are more extended, ballads more heartfelt and the pickin' a little prettier.

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	42	TOON	555 545	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Robot Chicken
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School
	-	TVA	121 714	TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Petit monde de Laura Cadieux		La Classe de 5e (N)		Taxi 0-22 (SC)	Caméra café	TVA 22 heures
	18	CMT	575 583	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Dallas Cheerleaders		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba
	25	A&E	615 520	The First 48 (HDTV) (N)		The Beast "Infected" (N)		The Beast "Infected"		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48
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	29	FOOD	603 561	Unwrapped	Secret Life of	Family	Glutton-Punish.	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Challenge		Unwrapped
	31	SHOW	617 522	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Love-Death	Love-Death	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Snakes
	32	DISC	520 505	Destroyed	Destroyed	MythBusters		Daily Planet		Deadliest Catch		Destroyed
	33	SLICE	601 562	Last 10	Last 10	The Biggest Loser "Duos"		ET Canada	Matchmaker	The Biggest Loser "Duos"		Trading Sp
	34	W	602 567	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Divine
	35	TLC	521 560	Street Customs (N)		Heli-Loggers (N)		Street Customs (HDTV)		Heli-Loggers (HDTV)		Overhaul'n'
	36	BRAVO	620 523	Flicker (2008, Documentary) Premiere.		Footsteps		Law & Order		Without a Trace		Opposite-Sex
	38	SPIKE	628 584	TNA IMPACT! (HDTV) (N)				CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		MANswers	MANswers	Married... With
	40	HIST	522 506	Deep Wreck Mysteries		NCIS "Brothers in Arms"		Ancestors	Ancestors	Lost Worlds		Engineering
cable variety	41	COM	626 547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas		The Simpsons	South Park	VIP
	43	SPACE	627 528	Star Trek: Voyager		Chuck (HDTV) 3D		Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Trek: Voyager
	44	WPCH	294 650	Friends	Friends	The Cookout ★ (2004, Comedy) Ja Rule.		Family Guy		Family Guy	Seinfeld	The Cookout
	46	OLN	411 457	Mantracker		Bounty Hunter		Survivorman		Mantracker		Bounty Hunter
	48	TROP	619 525	What Happen?	What Happen?	Make or Break	Naked Fashion	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy
	50	STAR	621 527	Sexiest Body Parts		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ	etalk	The View (HDTV)		Sexiest Body
	52	HGTV	600 564	The Fix	Disaster DIY	Home to Flip	Real Renos	Holmes on Homes		The Fix	Disaster DIY	Home to Flip
	65	TLN	700 800	Briganti, Amore e Libertà		Raymond		George Lopez	George Lopez	The Sopranos (SS)		Paid Program
	92	APTN	269 350	Suaangan	Wapoy Bay	By the Rapids	renegadeexpress	Red Planet ★ (2000, Science Fiction)	Val Kilmer.			Rez Rides
	93	VISION	261 394	La Bamba ★★★ (1987, Biography),	Esai Morales			Poltergeist: The Legacy		La Bamba ★★★ (1987, Biography)		
100	MTV	581 566	The Real World		Pete Doherty in 24 Hours			MTV Live	After	A Double Shot at Love		Pete Doherty
	101	MM	570 580	America's Best Dance Crew		Punk'd	Punk'd	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Punk'd	Punk'd	Video on Trial
	102	CPAC	512 396	(6:30) Primetime Politics			Revue	Question Period		Prime-Politics	Primetime Politics	
	103	VIVA	526 507	Most Haunted		Passion	Homicide File	Psychic Inv.	Encounters	Judging Amy		Most Haunted
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critics'corner—

Flicker
The colors, man! This new documentary tells the story of artist and mystic Brion Gysin, who invented a device called the dream machine. Made from a light bulb, a simple motor and a rotating cylinder adorned with cutouts, it was designed to alter one's consciousness and stimulate visions without drugs. Singer Marianne Faithfull, rocker Iggy Pop, filmmaker Kenneth Anger and musician Genesis P-Orridge are among those interviewed about Gysin and his machine. 7 PM on BRAVO



The Nature of Things
Our cities need work; that's not news. But what should be done, and why aren't our leaders doing it? Those are the questions raised in the new episode "Living City: A Critical Guide." Urban affairs commentator Christopher Hume compares our forefathers' early visions for our cities with the reality of today and uses animation to sketch out a new vision for the 21st century. 8 PM on CBXT

Batman producer off to Damascus

MOVIES Robert Stone's 1998 novel Damascus Gate, a thriller involving a journalist and a group of extremists in modern-day Jerusalem, is being developed as a feature film. Charles Roven, the producer behind The Dark Knight, is developing the project with collaborator Richard Suckle. REUTERS

In brief

TV BET has acquired broadcast rights to Dough Boys, the debut film from Preston Whitmore's Give Back Raise Up Program, through which he finances and produces low-budget pictures showcasing newcomers in front of and behind the camera.

MOVIES Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein, who wrote the screenplay for New Line Cinema's romantic comedy He's Just Not That Into You, have been signed to pen Valentine's Day for the studio. The love story revolves around five relationships in Los Angeles. REUTERS

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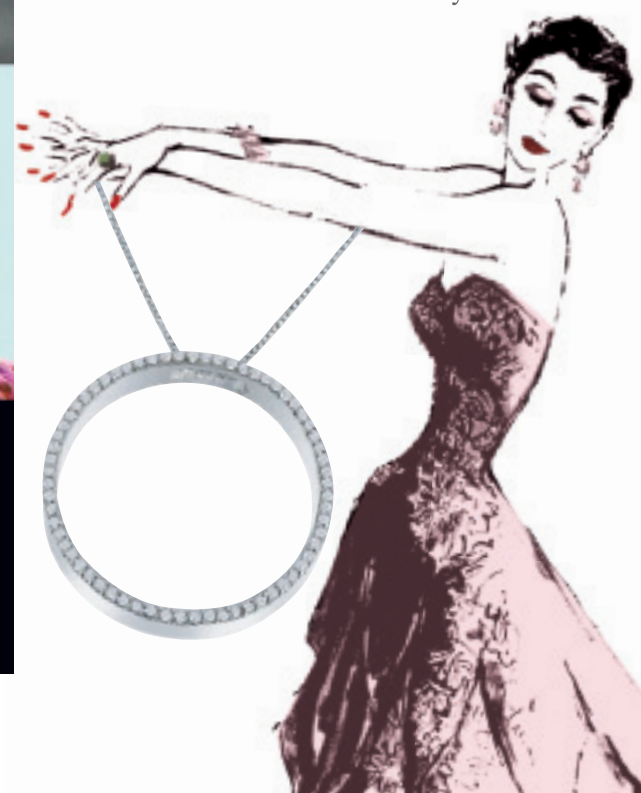
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Celebrity Buzz

Cruise says he's a big fan of car racing

INTERESTS Tom Cruise still feels the need for speed, people.com reports. The actor, 46, shares his love of NASCAR and racing in a new interview set to air Friday on ESPN2. "For me as a kid growing up, I always wanted to race cars," says Cruise, who starred in the 1990 racing film *Days of Thunder*. NASCAR, he says, "is a very unique kind of racing that feels very American."

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Cruz plans karaoke for Oscar night

CELEBRATING Win or lose on Oscar night, best supporting actress nominee Penelope Cruz says she plans to celebrate after the show with karaoke, usmagazine.com reports. "I'm sure I will. You know I'm a big fan of karaoke," she said on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*. "I have one at home," Cruz says. "I even do it alone sometimes." Her favorite song? "I do a lot of Eminem, Around the Outside," Cruz says. "That's one of my favorites. Yeah, but that (Oscar) night, whatever happens, (we're) going to have to do some karaoke."

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Former manager sues Britney and her parents

LAWSUITS Britney Spears' former manager Sam Lutfi is suing the singer and her parents, Jamie and Lynne Spears, for defamation and breach of contract, L.A. court documents show, people.com reports.

In the lawsuit filed Tuesday, Lutfi is also claiming libel, battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. "Jamie and Lynne launched a campaign of lies and intimidation designed to destroy Lutfi and drive him out of Britney's life," the papers read.

"This campaign also provided Jamie with the opportunity he needed to obtain an appoint-

ment as Britney's conservator."

Additionally, the lawsuit alleges: "Despite seemingly accomplishing their objectives, Jamie and Lynne have nevertheless continued their smear campaign against Lutfi. Thus, having no other alternative, Lutfi brings this action to defend himself against Jamie's and Lynne's persistent attacks."

Last Friday, Britney's father obtained a new restraining order against Lutfi, accusing him of harassing the Spears family.

Lutfi, who says he became Spears' manager after the two met in an L.A. nightclub in 2007, claims his reputation was damaged by Lynne Spears' book, *Through the Storm*, in which she makes allegations about Lutfi's control over her daughter. He calls the allegations "lies and fabrication."

Lutfi's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman said in a statement Tuesday that there is "overwhelming evidence from independent witnesses" proving his client's case and that "at the time of the trial in this action, the jury will have an opportunity to weigh the credibility of the witnesses."

Lawyers for Jamie Spears weren't immediately available for comment.

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Four Aussie film stars to appear on stamps

HONOURS Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush all have Oscars in common, and now each member of the Australian quartet can boast another distinction: They all appear on special edition postage stamps in their na-

tive country, people.com reports. "Something like this — when you see your face on a stamp — says 'wow,'" Kidman, 41, told the BBC. She's particularly delighted that her children will one day "lick a stamp, put it on an envelope

and say, 'That's my mum.'" Blanchett, 39, said the honour made her feel "utterly, deeply humbled ... I'm going to be licked by millions of Australians and I can't wait." The stamps show each star in two guises: In character for their Oscar-winning roles and as their glamorous selves.

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Joaquin insists he's serious about his new music career

REINVENTIONS Joaquin Phoenix insists he's getting a bum rap, people.com reports. "There's not a hoax," Phoenix tells the Associated Press of doubts about his sudden conversation from movie star to hip-hop artist.

"Might I be ridiculous?

Might my career in music be laughable? Yeah, that's possible, but that's certainly not my intention."

Questions about his intentions surfaced after the newly bearded Phoenix, 34, took the stage in Las Vegas on Jan. 16 in an ill-fated debut of his new career. A

video of his performance shows him falling off the stage, though he says it looks worse than it was.

"I had a lot of dudes come up and say, 'We really respect you for doing it, putting yourself out there,

and going with it,'" he says. "Because I think true hip-hop heads know that it's hard, it's going to be a hard transition, and people are going to be lining up just to make fun of me."

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Is Madonna trying to make A-Rod jealous?

DATING Femalefirst.co.uk is suggesting that Madonna is reportedly dating a Brazilian model to make Alex Rodriguez jealous.

The 50-year-old singer, who has been romantically linked to Alex and Jesus Luz since her split from husband Guy Ritchie, is keen to show Alex what he is missing by not fully committing to her, the website reports.

A source told the New York Daily News newspaper: "Madonna likes to be in control, and she hasn't been able to completely control Alex yet."

"Jesus has been much

more attentive than Alex recently. If A-Rod will commit to Madonna, then he'll win her affections. But it's not like he's giving her a diamond ring. Neither he nor Madonna is 100 per cent committed to each other yet."

Baseball player Rodriguez, 33, is furious Madonna has been spotted out with 22-year-old Jesus, claiming it has damaged his reputation. The source added: "Alex is well aware that Madonna is out and about with Jesus, and he isn't happy about it. It's embarrassing for him because he and Madonna have been so publicly linked, and now it looks like he's been dumped for a younger stud."

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Clarkson says she's not gay

RUMOURS Get it straight: Kelly Clarkson isn't gay, usmagazine reports. "I get that all the time," she tells AOL's pop culture news site, PopEater.com. "People are like, 'Are you secretly a lesbian? Because I'd really love it.'"

"Lesbians tell it to me all the time," she goes on. "I'm like, 'I'm glad it works for you, and I wish I liked women like that because

often times, men are very hard for me, but I happen to like boys.'" Clarkson goes on to say she "could never be a lesbian. I would never want to date (someone like) myself, ever. I'm a crazy person. I need some kind of stable, quiet man."

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Hilary strikes back at Faye

CATFIGHT Hilary Duff is set to reprise Faye Dunaway's legendary role as Bonnie in the indie remake of *The Story of Bonnie and Clyde* — and Dunaway is not pleased, usmagazine.com reports. "Couldn't they have at least cast

a real actress?" Dunaway said last week.

Duff retaliated against Dunaway Tuesday. "I think that my fans that are going to go see the movie don't even know who she is, so you know..." she told E!.

"I think it was a little unnecessary but I might be mad if I looked like that now too."

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Some clouds
0°C / -10°C

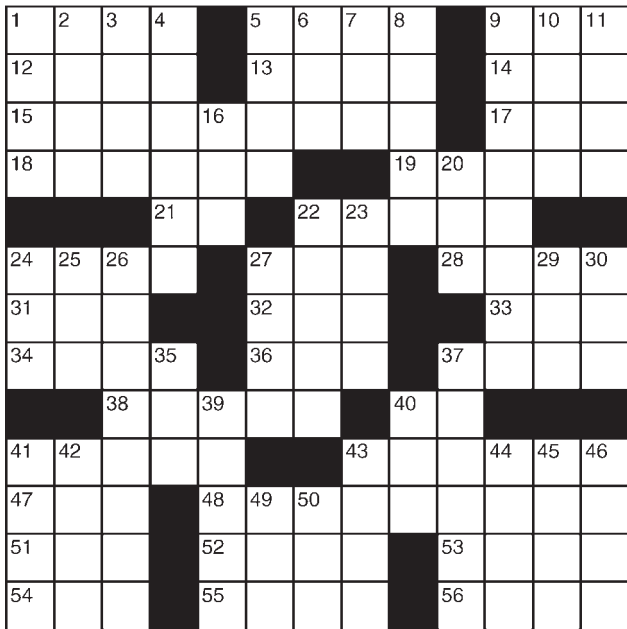
Friday
Flurries
-1°C / -10°C

Saturday
Mostly cloudy
-2°C / -10°C



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 “My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it’s always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!”
WEEKDAYS AT 6 AM

Take Five



Crossword across

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Queequeg’s captain | 19 “Robinson Crusoe” author | 36 Approves |
| 5 Chanteuse Edith | 21 Either’s partner | 37 Terrier type |
| 9 Scarlet | 22 Stair part | 38 Sail supports |
| 12 “Unforgettable” singer | 24 “Listen!” | 40 Tagged player |
| 13 Head light? | 27 Lapdog, for short | 41 Offer bait |
| 14 Overseas agreement? | 28 Weak, as an excuse | 43 Scents |
| 15 Dentist’s task | 31 Carnival city | 47 Eggs |
| 17 Bobby of hockey lore | 32 Prune | 48 One of the Rushmore quartet |
| 18 Maintain meagerly | 33 Train component | 51 Obtain |
| | 34 Clean Air Act target | 52 Emanation |
| | | 53 Facility |
| | | 54 Indivisible |
| | | 55 Get ready |
| | | 56 Lento |

Crossword down

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Farm fraction | 25 Intention |
| 2 Coatrack feature | 26 Dorm companion |
| 3 Burn remedy | 27 Whodunit basis |
| 4 Caused (oneself) to go | 29 Spring period |
| 5 Excellent, in modern lingo | 30 Anteceding |
| 6 Author Fleming | 35 Hiatus |
| 7 Carte lead-in | 37 Ranges |
| 8 Creases | 39 Guitar attachment |
| 9 Luggage holder, often | 40 Rage |
| 10 Franc replacement | 41 Not “for here” |
| 11 Catastrophic | 42 Divisible by two |
| 16 Contemptible canine | 43 PDQ |
| 20 Sushi fish | 44 Repast |
| 22 Castles | 45 Additionally |
| 23 Little devils | 46 Ragout, e.g. |
| 24 Store-front sign abbr. | 49 “— Town” |
| | 50 Raw rock |

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

A	S	A	P	L	O	S	M	O	D	E
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8	4	6	2	5	9	3	1	7
4	1	7	5	2	8	9	6	3
9	2	8	4	3	6	1	7	5
6	3	5	9	1	7	8	4	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Middle Eastern Zucchini and Onion Eggah

INGREDIENTS:

1/3 cup (75 ml) olive oil
 2 onions, thinly sliced
 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 4 large eggs
 1/3 cup (75 ml) 1% milk
 1/3 cup (75 ml) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley or coriander
 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh dill (optional)
 1 large zucchini, halved lengthways, then thinly sliced
 Chili sauce or harissa (optional)

METHOD:

- Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in large frying pan with flameproof handle over medium heat. Add onions and stir 3 minutes, then add garlic and continue frying for 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft and golden brown.
- Meanwhile, beat eggs, herbs and milk together in large bowl. When onions are golden, stir into egg mixture.
- Heat 2 tbsp (25 ml) oil in pan. Add zucchini and gently fry 5 minutes, stir-

ring frequently, until tender and lightly browned. Add zucchini to egg mixture.
 4. Add remaining oil to pan and swirl around to coat edge. Pour in eggs and zucchini, using spatula to spread mixture out. Leave eggah to cook 8 minutes, shaking pan occasionally, until egg mixture is almost set and only a small amount of unset mixture remains on surface. Meanwhile, preheat grill to high and position grill shelf about 4 in. (10 cm) from heat.
 5. Place pan under grill and grill eggah 2-3 minutes until surface is just set. Run spatula around edge and invert onto large platter. Serve immediately or set aside and leave to cool. Serve cut into wedges, sprinkled with chili sauce or harissa, if you like.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Being resentful will only do you harm. It’s your turn to be taken care of, after you’ve exhausted yourself. An obstinate friend will help you out.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Things won’t change just because you were told they would. You’ll see the other side of a very sad story. Don’t let your particular talents atrophy.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

People cringe when you speak your mind. Insecurity due to a forced change will frustrate you. Some harsh facts will hit an alienated friend too hard.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Indecision makes someone feel like a martyr. Revisit the scene of a crime to clear up a misunderstanding. You’ll get the best results from talking it out.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Neglect of safety precautions causes an accident. Nothing changes your mind about your values. Modify a faltering relationship without being cruel.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

An angry man says the wrong thing about your opinions. Someone’s need for affection is a problem. Keep track of all the issues that cause insomnia.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

All you want is respect and consideration. After intense dialogues, an issue will be resolved. Find a happy medium.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Handle overwrought emotions with extreme care. You’ll work harder to complete tasks. Don’t ask what love can do for you, but what you can do for love.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

When shady characters want another chance, just say no. Take a stand with unappreciative people. Don’t let a wounded ego injure the innocent.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Allow yourself to be sentimental if the urge arises. You’ll seek understanding because of a moral dilemma. Be kind when some big plans come to a halt.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Avert crisis by not responding to malicious comments. Fear of the unknown causes withdrawal. Don’t rescue anyone who needs to stand on their own.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Veer away from discord when a man interferes with your enjoyment. Your determination will help you to succeed. Stand firm if an injustice takes place.



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- VP Biden’s hard punches (1)
- Retain Dickens clerk Uriah (1)
- Rip up food in a loaf (1)
- Currier’s partner flourishes (1)
- Certain train’s artist’s stands (2)
- Goosey detachable shirtfront (2)
- Foiling wooing (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

ANSWERS: 1. JOES BLOWS 2. KEEP HELP 3. SHRED BREAD 4. LIVES THRIVES 5. DIESSES EASLES 6. STICKY DICKY 7. THAWING COURTING 8. S-S-O-O

This day in history

- FEB. 5, 1597: A group of early Japanese Christians are killed by the new government of Japan for being seen as a threat to Japanese society.
- FEB. 5, 1917: The Congress of the United States passes a law, over President Woodrow Wilson’s veto, banning most Asian immigration to the United States.
- FEB. 5, 1919: Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and D.W. Griffith launch United Artists.
- FEB. 5, 1958: A hydrogen bomb known as the Tybee Bomb is lost by the U.S. Air Force off the coast of Savannah, Ga., never to be recovered.

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